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TAGS: PINS, ECON, AF

SUBJ: GOA NEWS CAMPAIGN EXPLAINING ANTICIPATED  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

REF: KABUL 7993, 8011

1. PRESIDENT DAOUD'S FIRST PUBLICLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER  
EFFECTS OF WORLD MARKET CONDITIONS ON AFGHAN ECONOMY  
VENTILATED IN DECEMBER 21 INTERVIEW WITH AFP REPORTER  
(KABUL 7993), HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY JANUARY 2 OMHURIYAT ARTICLE  
BY ABDUL HAY RAZEKH IN WHICH LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF IMPENDING  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FOR AFGHAN CONSUMER IS GIVEN.

2. MAJOR THRUST OF ARTICLE WAS THAT DESPITE "WELL REASONED"  
ECONOMIC PLANNING OF REPUBLICAN REGIME AFGHANISTAN MUST FACE  
OBSTACLES BROUGHT ABOUT BY "BIG INDUSTRIAL POWERS, THEIR  
MONOPOLIES, AND ECONOMIC MACHINATIONS." BIG POWERS QTE ARE  
CHOKING THE THIRD WORLD...RUINING THEIR ECONOMIES. THE  
DEVELOPING NATIONS HAD HARDLY CHOSEN THE WAY TO DEVELOP-  
MENT WHEN GLOBAL INFLATION AND ENERGY CRISES WERE TO BE  
GRAPPLED WITH. UNQTE.

3. RAZEKH'S ARTICLE IS MAJOR PIECE IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE  
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SIGMNIFICANT RECENT CAMPAIGN TO DIMINISH BLAME ON GOA FOR

WHAT IS HAS NOW PERCEIVED TO BE SOME VERY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES IN COMING MONTHS. OTHER ARTICLES HAVE URGED DOING AWAY WITH "EXPENSIVE CEREMONIES", AND "BURDENSOME CUSTOMS", "FOREIGN INSPIRED FASHIONS", AND HAVE GENERALLY PREACHED SIMPLICITY AND BELT TIGHTENING. MUCH OF CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLES CELEBRATING UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S YEAR, AND WOMENS GROUPS ARE DEPICTED AS ANXIOUS TO SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

4. AFGHANS HAVE GOOD REASON TO GIRD FOR HARD TIMES TO COME, AS PRICES OF BASIC COMMODITIES ARE RUMORED ABOUT TO RISE SHARPLY, AND ALREADY SHORTAGES ARE BEING NOTICED AND COMMENTED UPON.

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